

GAINS TAPA Center for Jail Diversion REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

General Information

The GAINS TAPA Center for Jail Diversion provides technical assistance to states, localities, criminal justice and service provider organizations seeking to expand their capacity to implement programs for diverting adults with mental illness from the criminal justice system and into community based treatment and supports

While the GAINS TAPA Center is charged by SAMHSA to give priority to providing technical assistance to the 20 Targeted Capacity Expansion jail diversion programs funded by CMHS from 2002-2004, TAPA also considers technical assistance requests from other states, localities, service providers and existing jail diversion programs.

Technical assistance may include:

- telephone and/or on-site consultation with TAPA staff or consultants
- workshops/training events
- presentations at conferences
- cross-jurisdictional site visits
- cross-training of mental health and criminal justice personnel

Where To Start

Governmental units, criminal justice, service provider organizations and other interested parties are encouraged to telephone the **GAINS TAPA Center at 1-866-518-TAPA (8272)** to discuss their needs for assistance prior to submitting a formal request. If the request is within the scope of the technical assistance provided by the GAINS TAPA Center, our staff will request the submission of a technical assistance application.

Application Timelines

Applications for technical assistance are accepted and reviewed on a continuing basis. Every attempt will be made to notify applicants of results within 60 days of receipt of the application. Please be aware that we cannot generally review requests and, if granted, arrange for technical assistance to occur in less than 60 days.

Application Requirements

An application letter of no more than **five (5)** single-spaced pages should be submitted that includes the following information:

1. Name, title, address, phone, fax, and email address of contact person for request.
2. Description of technical assistance needs, including the issues that the technical assistance will seek to address and the audience that will be targeted (i.e.: addressing issues of gender and trauma in a jail diversion program; integrating mental health consumers into the planning process; developing criteria for post-booking diversion eligibility, etc). Please be as specific as possible.
3. Resources (financial or other) applicant has committed to this technical assistance request and to the program or other efforts for which the technical assistance is requested.
4. Current stage of program or effort for which technical assistance is requested.
5. Expected outcome of technical assistance, including how this assistance will contribute to the

- development, implementation and/or enhancement of a jail diversion program.
6. Number of attendees expected, agency affiliation, level of training and role/staff level in agency.
 7. What is the preferred timeframe for this request to take place and why?

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on:

- The applicant's readiness to effectively utilize technical assistance
- Evidence of communication and collaboration with key stakeholders in the mental health and criminal justice systems
- Ability and willingness to share in the cost of the TA event
- Availability of technical assistance resources

Application Submission

Submit application to:

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Questions?

For further information, please contact:

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